

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Chair  
Commissioner  
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In the Matter of a Request for a Miscellaneous  
Tariff Change to Allow a Name Change for  
Peoples Natural Gas Company and Northern  
Minnesota Utilities, Divisions of Aquila, Inc.

ISSUE DATE: November 18, 2002

DOCKET NO. G-007,011/M-02-462

ORDER DELAYING TARIFF FILING AND  
REQUIRING INSERT

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On April 1, 2002, Aquila, Inc.<sup>1</sup> filed a request to be allowed to do business under the trade names Aquila Networks-PNG and Aquila Networks-NMU. It indicated that filings with the Commission would be made on behalf of Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-PNG and/or d/b/a Aquila Networks-NMU. It intends to use the name Aquila on its customer bills.

On May 1, 2002, the Department of Commerce filed comments recommending, among other things, approval of the request but also recommending that the Company consistently use the proposed names on all regulatory petitions filed and on all customer bills.

On June 10, 2002, the Company filed reply comments agreeing to use the proposed names consistently on all regulatory filings in Minnesota but requesting that it be permitted to use the name Aquila on customer bills and on general information provided to customers.

This matter came before the Commission on November 7, 2002.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

At the hearing all parties agreed that the Commission need not take any action on the Company's request. The Company has filed the name Aquila as its trade name for Aquila, Inc. and can operate under the name Aquila without Commission approval.

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<sup>1</sup> Formerly UtiliCorp United Inc.

However, the Commission needs to determine when the requisite tariff filing should be made. There was no objection by any party to the suggestions made by the Company. The Commission agrees with the Company that the most efficient procedure would be to allow the Company to delay the filing of a replacement tariff until new tariffs are filed as part of the compliance filing for the currently pending rate case, Docket No. G-007, 011/GR-00-951 and, in the interim, to require a cover page to be inserted into each Division's tariff book.

The Commission will so order.

### **ORDER**

1. The Company shall be allowed to delay the filing of a replacement tariff until new tariffs are filed as part of the compliance filing for the currently pending rate case, Docket No. G-007, 011/GR-00-951.
2. In the interim, the Company shall insert a cover page in each Divisions's tariff book.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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